



**State of California – Natural Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Bay Area District  
845 Casa Grande Road  
Petaluma, CA 94954

**PROJECT TITLE:** Trail Maintenance: Back Creek Trail, Tick Wood Trail, Donner Cabin Trail, and Meridian Point Trail

**LOCATION:** Mount Diablo State Park

**COUNTY:** Contra Costa

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Perform maintenance on Back Creek, Tick Wood, Donner Cabin, and Meridian Point Trails in Mount Diablo State Park to improve trail sustainability and safety. Work will repair tread to maintain a uniform and out-sloped surface, remove inboard slough and outer berms, and trim vegetation to maintain a 6-foot wide and up to 12-foot high trail corridor. All trail work will be performed per the guidelines of the California State Parks Trails Handbook and the California State Park Vegetation Management Guidelines for Trails and Roads

No work will occur on cultural elements or structures (i.e. historic CCC retaining walls, drainage, bridges, etc.). Several rare plant species have potential to occur along these trails. Minimal native plant impact will occur along Donner Cabin and Tick Wood Trails. Avoidance measures are required along Meridian Point and Back Creek Trails and a rare plant survey will be performed prior to any work being done;

For all trail work, an Alameda whipsnake monitor will be present and bird nest(s) will be protected if work is performed during nesting season (March 1 – August 31).

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Bay Area District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

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*Class: 1 and 4*


*Section: 15301 and 15304*

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Project consists of the repair or minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels, and minor public alterations in the condition of land and /or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, included as "trail repair" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR §15300.4

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